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SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK TO RE-ROUTE SECTION OF THE CARRILLO TRAIL

*Tucson, AZ--*Saguaro National Park will re-route a section of a popular trail in the Rincon Mountain District (East).

The park plans to relocate a 0.9 mile section of the Carrillo Trail approximately 0.4 miles east of its current location, to a flatter area where it will be more sustainable and cost effective to maintain.

The section, which is currently lies within drainage, was found to be non-sustainable for further use. When water flows in the drainage, hikers and equestrians try to avoid walking in the water and create social trails on its banks. The steep portion of the trail is deeply rutted because the trail heads right up a hill without switchbacks to divert water off the track. Both of these factors cause erosion and degrade water quality, and have resulted in costly trail rehabilitation.

The reroute of the Carrillo Trail will be 0.7 miles in length and provide more variety in scenery, and a pleasant hiking, riding, and trail running experience.

Work on the re-route is expected to begin in November 2012, but the existing section of trail will not be closed and rehabilitated until the re-route is complete and open.

Saguaro National Park will host an open house to discuss the changes on March 22, 2012 at the National Park Service Fire Building, located at 12661 E. Broadway Blvd, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. It is free and open to the public.

For more information on the changes, please go to our website, www.nps.gov/sagu.

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